

REMARKS

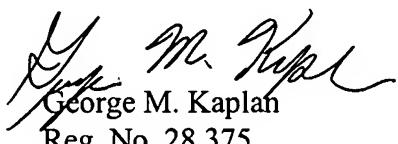
The claims in the application are 2-20.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended for formal reasons and to eliminate all multiple dependencies, with the specification also amended for formal reasons. Please also insert English Abstract from the cover page of WO 2004/031596 at the appropriate location.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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